

# QUINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN  
861 LOWER RIVER RD  
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND 02865

## **Warden's Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2016**

### **Members present:**

Moderator; Russell Hervieux  
Warden; David Garneau  
Warden; Mike Williams  
Warden; Cheryl Lahey  
Tax Collector, Jerianne Nunes  
Secretary; Tom Hagen  
Chief Stephen Nunes  
Missing: Treasurer; Claire Girard

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Moderator Russell Hervieux.

### **Secretary's report:**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the secretary's report. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer Claire Girard was absent from the meeting, however a prepared paper copy of the report and an accompanying letter was left for the attendees. Account balances: \$8,861.63 in checking, \$140,670.99 in the truck fund and \$46,426.01 in the hall rental account.

In Claire's letter, she reports money coming in from as early as 2010 toward the \$21,460 uncollected since then. She also asks for wardens' social security information for tax purposes later this year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as provided. Motion passed.

### **Tax Collector's Report:**

Jerianne Nunes reports \$88,598.44 has been collected for the 2015-2016 tax year with approximately \$6,500 outstanding.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

#### **New Fire Truck Purchase**

Chief Nunes pointed out that Quinnsville's fire truck is 24+ years old and requiring continual repairs to remain in service. He produced a sample of water from the truck's tank clouded with rust particles, indicating deterioration of the tank wall, a very expensive repair/replacement looming in the future.

Recent fire truck purchases in Providence and Woonsocket have been in the \$300K-\$425K range. Between specifying the truck and chassis and bringing the expenditure to the residents for the next district meeting, delivery may not be expected for 12 months, into 2018.

During discussion, any trade-in amount for the existing fire truck would be unlikely.

Chief Nunes plans to attend an upcoming chief's show to research truck builders and gather more information.

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## **New Business**

### Waived Late Fees

The Mahanty residence on Hidden Valley Lane has reconciled 3 years of back taxes to the fire district and requested consideration on the \$75 owed for for fees.

A motion was made to waive the \$75 fees. Motion passed.

### Tax Sales

Approximately \$9,000 would be made against delinquent properties in the form of tax sales. During discussion it was pointed out that beginning the process would require an attorney with an up-front retainer which would seriously cut into any gain. Chief Nunes to gather information from nearby districts on how similar issues are dealt with.

### Late Fire Tax Payment Fees

Warden Dave Garneau made a motion to remove the \$25 fee for late fire tax payments for upcoming 2016-2017 billing. He stated that the automobile registration block for unpaid taxes should serve incentive enough to get payments in.

Although an additional \$1,200 is typically collected in the form of late fees, the motion was put to a vote, passing 2 to 1.

### Discussion

#### Community Activities

Warden Cheryl Lahey proposed a return to hosting community activities such as Halloween and Holiday parties for children and family night for all ages. A previous warden, Michelle Brunelle, was instrumental in coordinating such activities. After her departure from the fire district, no interest was shown in continuing the activities. Cheryl expressed interest in doing so. Further discussion to follow.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17pm. Motion passed.

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00pm